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INVERTER FOR COLD CATHODE
FLUORESCENT LAMP HAVING STRIKE
FREQUENCY ADJUSTED BY VOLTAGE
TO CURRENT PHASE RELATIONSHIP

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